

The decision by Sinclair Broadcasting to require all of their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election exemplifies the threat to democracy resulting from the combination of media consolidation and repeal of the fairness doctrine.

Democracy depends on the free flow of information, not monopoly-controlled self-interest. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.